# Hammer Happenings



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# Please join us for our Christmas Program "The Christmas Carol ~Special Report" at 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 11th. Everyone is invited!!!!

#### Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday Dec. 3, 7:00am at Baptist Church

Choir Practice Dec. 7th & 21st

Rachel Circle
December 14th at 7:00pm

Ruth Circle
December 29th at noon

<u>Did you miss a Sunday Service?</u> <u>Please see Joy Holeman for a DVD</u> <u>of past services.</u>

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Kids page

Family Advent Idea— This year starting Sunday, November 27th and everyday until Christmas Eve, set aside food as a family to bring to church with you for the food pantry. One week could be laundry soap, hand soap, shampoos. Another could be for desserts or prepackaged cookies, etc. The third week could be juices and drinks. The fourth week could be canned fruit, veggies and meats. Put up an extra tree and call it "The Jesus Tree", just as Jesus came into the world to help people so we have been brought into this world to help and love people. Place the items under the tree and pack them up for church Christmas Eve Service and place in the downstairs hallway.

Confirmation—is for grades 5-7 and even 8th if needed. Kids learn about their faith and affirm their baptism. It is hands on with each student having an adult mentor. We dive into and learn about creation, the fall of man, the Holy Spirit, The Trinity, The Church, The New Creation and Heaven. Make sure you tell Pastor Gene you want your child to be confirmed. First class is January 8th.

Food Pantry—Needed: soup, fruit (except peaches), macaroni and cheese.

**Mission Team**— We are collecting blankets, coats, hats, gloves and scarves for the Salvation Army. Please leave your donation in the entry-way of the church.

**Thrift Store-**We welcome everyone to shop and donate to the TCRC. Volunteers are always welcome. Please contact Stephanie Weddle for further information 660-483-0111.

Please Join Us for Christmas Eve Service at 5 PM & 7 PM "Why Jesus Didn't Have A Royal Birth"

Matthew 5:3~5

#### **Hammer Memorial United Methodist Church**

"With God's help, we will work to evangelize our community, disciple our Church family, and care for the needs of others."

A Word From The Pastor.....

#### Saved When I Am Broken

By Gene Hinrichsen



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hurting and full of grief. She posted on social media; why does all this have to happen? Someone responded by saying it was God's plan, that answer got me a bit upset since it is such an off the cuff answer. Death was never God's perfect plan!

A young lady had just had 3 deaths happen within her family just months apart. She was

Death and brokenness entered the world when Adam and Eve sinned. This world has been broken ever since that time.

Back in the early 1980's when I was a Youth Pastor I taught a song to the students that said, "will you be broken like bread to feed the hungry?" Some understood the seriousness of suffering for Christ in order for others to be saved, however, most did not understand. Jesus was broken for a broken world and can truly relate to all our broken hearts, feelings and relationships. Jesus was broken for us. He is the bread of life broken to feed our empty and wounded souls. One of my favorite verses is found in Psalm 34:18, "the Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit." That verse proves to me that we are saved even when we feel the most broken and our lives make no sense. Advent not only prepares us for Jesus coming into our world, but it also prepares us for the brokenness of Christ going to the cross to make us whole.

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For Jesus,

Pastor Gene

## CCY Community Christian Youth open to all area children of all denominations.



#### CCY

Grades 3-6 at 6pm 12/4 & 12/18 Grades 7-12 at 6:45pm every week (No CCY on Christmas Day)



#### Sermon Series

Sermon Title

Dec. 4th- "Why Joseph?"

Dec. 11th- "Why the Stable?"

Dec. 18th-"Why a Virgin?"

Dec. 25th- "Why did Jesus Come?"

#### Bible Verse

Matthew 1:18-21 Luke 2:1-7 Luke 1:34-35 Matthew 9:12-13

### Please Keep In Your Prayers

Felicia Richey-Beverly Stegman-Rick Rainey-Roger Combs Sue Medsker - Thatcher Hawk -Rose Roche - Laura & Rodney Short– Eva Erisman

#### **Residing at a Skilled Care Facility**

Anna May Gillespie  $\sim$  Dale Oliver Vernadene Steinman  $\sim$  Mary Lou Holeman  $\sim$  Velma Jones

#### **Our Soldiers Who Serve**

Michael Poston Aaron Davis Drew Potter Tailor Galgano Chase Gillip Tyler Ruiz

  - 	Candle Lighters	Children's Message	<b>Children's Church</b>
Dec. 4-	Ty & Cooper Mooney	Jane Newcomer	Christmas Play Practice
Dec. 11-	Jackson & Landon Carlson	None	<b>Christmas Play Practice</b>
Dec. 18-	Hunter Hass & Nick Herbert	Sue Washburn	Liba Lerner
Dec. 25-	Kenzi Roberts & Kaylor Hodge	None	None

	<u>Liturgist</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	Organist/Pianist
Dec. 4-	Gloria Combs	Dallas & Tracie Poling	Jo Bryson & Mary Hill
Dec. 11-	Gloria Combs	Danny & Susan Lewis	Jo Bryson & Mary Hill
Dec. 18-	Gloria Combs	Danny & Susan Lewis	Gerry Herbster & Alice Barker
Dec. 25-	Gloria Combs	Danny & Susan Lewis	Gerry Herbster & Alice Barker





01-ML McCrea 03-Basil Holeman 12-Jo Bryson 12-Jackie Price

13-Tim Walters 14-Seth Law 15-Betty Karr 15-Coltin Potter 17-Debbie Simerly 21-Janet Steaman 22-Todd Shifflett 24-Christa Tunks

28-Zach Poling 28-Melissa Goucher 28-Chris Evans 29-Danielle Washburn 29-Dale Holeman "Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel" (which means, God with us). Matthew 1:23



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Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year

# **DEADLINES**

**BULLETIN: Please submit info by Tuesday** 

NEWSLETTER: Please submit article by the 3rd Thursday of the month